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Store at Navarre Looted by Robbers

[From Saturday's Daily.]
Sheriff Hassler returned late this afternoon from Navarre. No trace of the robbers has been found. The bloodhounds worked well for awhile but did not run down the thieves.

Thieves entered the F. C. Linden store at Navarre some time last night and took merchandise valued at from \$50 to \$100. The Linden store is a hardware establishment. Three guns, some ammunition, some silver and razors were taken. The thieves broke the front window of the store and escaped without detection. The robbery was not learned until this morning when the store was opened. Sheriff Hassler was notified. He went at once to Navarre. Bloodhounds were brought

from Concordia and set on the trail this morning. The dogs led the sheriff to the home of several Mexicans near the Santa Fe yards. A search of the building revealed no stolen goods and the dogs were called off the scent.

Various rumors are noised about at Navarre concerning the robbery. One is that the thieves came and went in an automobile. The story goes that an automobile went through town about 1 o'clock last night, but so far efforts to place the robbery have failed. The stock was gone through and merchandise left lying on the floor. The Navarre robbery coming on the heels of the recent pilfering of the Phelps store at Enterprise will redouble the officers' efforts to catch the thieves.

IN COUNTY POLITICS

The open season for announcements of candidates has arrived and nearly every paper contains one to a dozen notices that candidates are in the field. The Reflector will as usual consider political announcements as advertising matter and accept the announcements and advertising of candidates regardless of party. All will be treated alike and the paper's views will appear in its editorial columns. Reaching every community of the county and with readers of all parties the Reflector is recognized as the best medium of publicity in Dickinson.

The Republican central committee is receiving many encouraging reports from all parts of the county. One former member who tendered his resignation wrote this week: "Please cancel it—for the way things look I want to be a Republican and will help all I can in the campaign."

We went over to Abilene Tuesday with the Solomon Democratic wheel horse, Geo. W. Lank. While there we visited the Republican headquarters, the Reflector office. George hadn't been in the office two minutes until he was head over heels in argument with a couple of standpaters. They tried to show him where the new tariff law was going to prove the ruin of the country, but of course George couldn't see it that way. He reeled off a string of dope a yard long in about so many seconds on the benefits to be derived from free trade, and we think he acquitted himself quite creditably if they did outnumber him two to one.—Solomon Tribune. George is a "pretty good Indian" and as he is going to hold down the Solomon postoffice for four years we hardly expect to convert him until after 1918.

District Clerk Blachley, County Attorney Hurd, County Superintendent Steen, County Clerk King, Commissioner B. D. Fry and County Surveyor Riddle, all of whom have made excellent records, will probably be candidates for reelection on the Republican ticket. County Treasurer Morse has served the two terms allowed by law and County Assessor Close's office will be abolished by law. Both have made fine records for efficient service.

It is reported that while the Chronicle is for the Progressive party it will not support Murdock or Allen.

Newton Cole, who made a fine record as district clerk several years ago, and F. V. Close, the present county assessor, are prospective candidates for the Republican nomination for treasurer.

THE STORK'S COMING DEMANDS LONG DRIVE

The stork chose a cold time to visit the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Burkhardt, south of town. Last night Dr. Felty was called upon to make the long drive six miles south to the Burkhardt home, the occasion being the arrival of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt. Dr. Felty and the driver stayed overnight, returning this morning. They had to make many cuts, the roads were slow traveling and for most of the way telephone wires stretched across or lay on the roads.

Advertised Mail

For week ending Feb. 22: A. C. Baiton, James Carter, D. G. M. Hendren, Owen Lamberson, David Lindsay, Miss Martha McLain, Harold Morris, Miss Lillie Beach, George Rubendall.

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Farmers Institute Will Have Half-Day Session

Ten rousing good meetings a year for the farmers' institute.

That is the plan decided upon by President H. G. Kyle and the vice presidents of the institute at a recent meeting here. This plan, Mr. Kyle believes, and he is supported by the vice presidents, is the best since it will keep the organization more actively at work on practical questions, and at the same time the organization will have so many important matters to decide upon that this number of meetings will be necessary. It is one of the new plans for making the institute even more a factor in building up the county.

Hold Half Day Sessions

The next meeting will be March 14, when in one-half day session the subjects grains and vegetables will be discussed. Arthur Merrill and F. L. Blaesl, vice presidents respectively of the subjects mentioned, will plan the program for that day.

A one-half day session to talk alfalfa and poultry will be held April 11, the vice presidents for those subjects being H. C. Brenizer and Mrs. J. R. Jones. Another session, May 9, will have for discussion the subjects of dairying, silage and cattle. The vice presidents are George Lenhart, C. M. Garver and John Book.

Now for Corn Contests

Dickinson county boys and girls will take part in corn contests this year, the work for the contests to be managed by the institute. A committee will be appointed to take charge of the contests. The general rules already have been outlined. The time to enroll is now, either with Supt. W. O. Steen or with H. A. Poe, secretary of the Commercial club of Abilene and assistant secretary of the institute. The school teachers over the county will be asked to cooperate in making the enrollment in the contests large, and the readiness of the teachers to

help in the work to interest the boys and girls in better methods of growing corn and a better product at harvest time argues well for the success of the contests.

In the acre yield, the competition has been divided up so that contestants will be matched against each other according to whether the acre is "lowland or upland" thus giving all an equal opportunity.

Here Are the Rules

The size of each plot will be one acre. Each boy must, as far as possible, prepare, plant, cultivate and harvest his own acre, and fill out a blank regarding his work, which will be submitted to him in the spring. This blank will be presented to the committee where corn is exhibited. It is also requested that the contestant attend at least one session of the county or local institute. Any variety of corn can be used, but pure-bred is recommended. Each contestant is to exhibit, if possible, 10 ears at "Contest Roundup Day" and at the local farmers' institute.

These special rules will govern:

1. Ten-ear exhibit. Only one class. Open to boys up to 15 years of age.

2. Acre yield. Age of contestant, 10 to 21 years. Variety, to be selected by contestant. Best acre to be determined and award made according to the following considerations: Total yield (to be weighed when mature); practicability of methods employed; history of crop as written by each contestant.

Each contestant must select two disinterested taxpayers to measure the acre and witness the husking and weighing of the crop. The contestant and witnesses must make affidavit regarding the size of the plot, method of cultivation and total yield. These witnesses also shall decide whether or not the acre should be classed as "upland" or "lowland."

THIS WEEK LAST FOR INCOME TAX STATEMENTS

If you had an income last year, between March 1 and Dec. 31, of over \$2500 if unmarried or over \$3333 if married you have until March 1st to make a report to the internal revenue collector. A tax of one per cent on all in excess of that income is assessed. If you do not make a statement before March 1st a fine of \$20 to \$1000 is provided. Thirty inspectors will go over Kansas looking up people who are supposed to have that revenue. They can investigate under oath and on their report grand jury indictment will follow. The smart thing to do in dealing with the government is to tell the whole truth promptly.

MAKE SEMI-ANNUAL SPLIT OF STATE SCHOOL FUND

The semi-annual apportionment of the interest on the permanent state school fund, announced Saturday from the offices of the school fund commission, divides \$225,413 among the 105 counties of Kansas. Forty

four cents "per capita" on the school population of the state was the award this year as against 41 cents in February, 1913, and 47 cents in February, 1912. With the 49 cents for each child of school age last August the apportionment of the funds gives 93 cents for each child for the school year of 1913-14.

Dickinson county's share is \$3,269.64, the school census being given as 7431. Clay county gets \$2,200.44, Geary \$1421.20, Marion \$3,300, Morris \$1693.56 and Saline \$2667.28.

METHODIST CONFERENCE TO MEET AT CHANUTE

A meeting of exceptional interest not only to the Methodist church, but to all Christians in eastern Kansas, will be held at Chautau from March 16 to 23. This will be the first annual conference of the united conferences—Kansas and South Kansas—and will be the third largest body of Methodist laymen and ministers in the world. This will include all eastern Kansas from a line passing north and south about through Abilene.

Worst Storm of Year Caused Much Damage

[From Monday's Daily.]
A strong wind that bore down from the northeast yesterday afternoon brought the worst storm of the winter. Although the temperature dropped only to zero over night, considerably less than at other times this winter, the fierce wind and the blinding snowstorm that accompanied the change made the night especially severe. The storm raged to the west fully as bad as in central Kansas, according to reports, which are meagre because of the poorest communication of the year. All communication east and west was cut off. About 8 inches of snow fell. Accurate measurement of the fall is well nigh impossible, for the wind drifted the snow badly.

Yesterday afternoon the Union Pacific abandoned attempts to maintain communication along the line. The light drizzle that fell yesterday morning froze on the telegraph and telephone wires, weighing them down, and dragging many poles to the ground when the heavy winds came. Between Solomon and Abilene alone, more than 60 poles are down. Some of them fell across the roads, others tore down sections of barb wire fences as they fell. The Union Pacific suffered the worst, at least 50 of the railroad's poles being weighted and by the ice-covered wires and brought to earth by the gale. Santa Fe train No. 318, local from Salina, smashed through a network of wires that had fallen across the track at a double crossing east of New Cambria. Solomon was hard hit last night, many poles in town being torn down.

Union Pacific train No. 110 due in here early in the morning, went through at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Communication all along the line as far west as Ellis is down, and the train had to "flag its way" all the way in. Train No. 109, west-bound, due here at 10:30 at night, went through at 1 o'clock. The engine froze up at Salina. No. 101 went through at 7 o'clock this morning.

The business district of Abilene this morning looked like a cross section of the arctic region. Snow was heaped up in huge drifts three and four feet high. Some places were swept clean by the wind that drove things before it and made of every open space an expanse of swirling white. Men wore out early with snow shovels and pats cut through the drifts so that the people who had to, could trek from one place to another. Stores took on the appearance of holiday time; that is, a declared holiday and day of rest.

The schools ran all day, though some trouble was experienced in heating the buildings. The attendance was cut down considerably but was good when the distance many

of the pupils have to go is considered.

In the Storm's Wake

C. L. Brown of the United Telephone company said today that the company had no lines anywhere out of town except to Enterprise. Lines everywhere else are down. Many poles were weighted down by the wires. North of town the poles are standing, but the heavy wires snapped in two and are hanging to the ground. Five wire crews were sent out by Mr. Brown this morning, and none got further than a mile from town all morning. In places the men had to cut paths for their teams. The work is hard and taxes the men's strength severely. The wires are icy and hard to work with.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

The storm seemingly is broken, but wire communication either east or west has not been obtained. Neither the Western Union nor the Postal telegraph companies had lines open either way today. The United Telephone company has one wire open to Newton and is able by a roundabout way to get in communication with Salina and other towns to the west. The one line to Enterprise that was open yesterday is the only other communication obtainable. The company said today that they expected to open communication east and west some time tomorrow. Six crews, comprising 50 men, are at work in this county alone today working to restore the company's service.

Despite the poor communication, the Union Pacific trains have been running practically on schedule time today. A wire has been opened up from Salina to Denver and has been kept open. This morning the local Union Pacific office was in touch with Salina, but a mishap somewhere between here and Solomon destroyed the connection. The Union Pacific has a wire east as far as Junction City and so the trains are not hindered greatly by the wires that are down.

The Santa Fe and Rock Island trains ran today practically on schedule time.

The damage to telegraph and telephone lines in this county alone is large. Some of the new poles that were put in by the United Telephone company not long ago were sprung by the weight of the icy wires and the force of the wind. The crews sent out to repair the damage have had to go slow because of the immense drifts and the tangled condition of the heavy wires. Considerable progress was made today and the company is using all available help to get the wires up again and in working order.

One Brick

upon another and the highest wall is laid;

One Cent

and then another and the rent is fully paid;

One Flake

upon another and the deepest snow is laid;

One Dime

AND THEN ANOTHER and your Bank Account is made. Little expenses for this and that soon amount to several hundred dollars. Place your money in the Bank and you will be prone to save more. Our facilities will be your aid; we both grow together.

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